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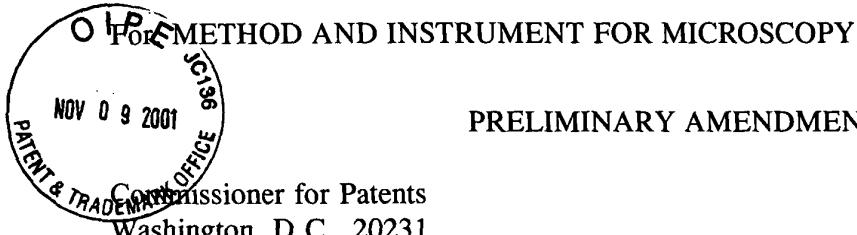
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Holger BIRK, et al.

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, Applicants respectfully request that the following amendments be entered into the application:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows.

Page 1, Paragraph 2: 7

--This application refers to US patent application "ARRANGEMENT FOR STUDYING MICROSCOPIC PREPARATIONS WITH A SCANNING MICROSCOPE", Serial No. 09/881,048, filed June 15, 2001, which is incorporated by reference herein.--

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--This application refers to US patent application "ILLUMINATING DEVICE AND MICROSCOPE", Serial No. 09/881,046, filed June 15, 2001, which is incorporated by reference herein.--

Page 1, Paragraph 4: 7

--This application refers to US patent application "ENTANGLED-PHOTON MICROSCOPE AND CONFOCAL MICRSCOPE", Serial No. 09/880,825, filed June 15, 2001, which is incorporated by reference herein.--